# **BUS RIDING RULES**

### **General Rules**

### **Prior to loading**

(at the bus stop or at school):

- 1. Be on time at the designated school bus stop. Help keep the bus on schedule.
- 2. Stay off the road at all times while waiting for the bus.
- 3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before attempting to enter.
- 4. Be careful in approaching bus stops.
- 5. No one will ride except those on the regular bus route without special permission from the principal.

#### While on the bus:

- 1. Keep hands and head inside the bus at all times after entering and until leaving the bus.
- 2. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times.
- 3. Remember that loud talking, laughing or unnecessary confusion diverts the driver's attention and may result in a serious accident.
- 4. Damages to the bus will be paid for by the offender.
- 5. Bus riders should never tamper with the bus or any of its equipment. The rear door will not be opened except in emergencies.
- 6. Leave no books, lunches, or other articles on the bus.
- 7. Keep books, packages, coats, and all other objects out of the aisles.
- 8. Help look after the safety and comfort of smaller children.
- 9. Do not throw anything out bus windows.
- 10. Bus riders are not permitted to leave their seats while the bus is moving.
- 11. Horse-play is not permitted in or around the bus.
- 12. Bus riders are expected to be courteous to the driver and fellow pupils.
- 13. Keep absolutely quiet when the bus approaches a railroad crossing.
- 14. In case of a road emergency, never leave the bus unless directed to do so.
- 15. Pop, candy, gum, suckers, etc. are not permitted on the bus.

#### **Leaving the bus:**

- 1. When crossing a road, go at least 10 feet in front of the bus. Stop. Check for traffic. Watch for the bus driver's signal to cross the road.
- 2. Students not crossing a road should immediately move away from the bus and stay clear of any possible traffic.
- 3. Help look after the safety of smaller children.
- 4. The driver will not discharge riders at places other than the regular bus stop. Exceptions must be made by the proper school officials.

## **Extra-Curricular Trips**

The above rules and regulations will apply to any trip under school sponsorship. Pupils shall respect the wishes of any chaperon appointed by school officials.

# **Tips for Safe School Bus Riding**

For a safe and enjoyable ride to and from school, follow these rules:

- 1. Leave home early enough to arrive at your bus stop on time!
- 2. Wait for your bus in a safe place-well off the roadway.
- 3. Enter your bus in an orderly manner, and take your seat.
- 4. Follow the instructions of your bus driver.
- 5. Remain in your seat while the bus is in motion.
- 6. Remain quiet and orderly.
- 7. Be courteous to your driver and fellow passengers.
- 8. Be alert to traffic when leaving the bus-wait for the Drivers signal to cross

See Sperry Board Policy and the Student Handbook for more information.